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THE THUNDERS OF SILENCE

As Mr. Average newspaper reader opens up the daily press of the great cities what greets their eyes? Recitals of crime of nearly every conceivable description; strikes and the evils attending—the wrecking of trains, bridges demolished, men beaten and the like to the end of the most vivid imagination, and, to what purpose?

What good has been accomplished by these recitals. Do the reading public demand all this?

Has it done any good—in any way served a purpose for the betterment of things generally, of law, order or justice?

Suppose the press of America had put on the soft pedal on the doings of the heads of the coal strikers, for instance. They cared nothing about the endless chain of conferences and the attending banquets and reoccurring failures. What the public was most vitally interested in was when the stoppage of industry would be at an end.

And the great railroad strike. Who in the name of goodness knows what is going to happen before the final curtain is lowered on the last act? Is it government ownership of a great demoralized system of railroads? Is it unconditional surrender to labor's demands? Or is it to be a back down by the government?

There are several million people who want service on these railways. The daily press tell us of this and that conference, of orders and proposals and requests by Harding that the men return to their posts, of the attempts of the "Big Four" brotherhood to settle the strike and then a Cleveland conference and a meeting at Washington, D. C. And to what purpose?

One day the press of the city tells us Pres. Harding is going to seize the coal mines and the railways—the next day they relate that he has changed his mind. The next day's headlines say Pres. Harding spent the week end on the Mayflower and has formulated plans for bringing the strike to an end. In the meanwhile the public patiently gobbles, gobbles all this down and then begins to wonder just what is "Under the President's Hat."

There are to be found certain people who think they can tell of several things that are NOT under the president's hat. Because of the railroad strikes and coal difficulties prices are skyrocketing. Print paper has advanced from \$25 to \$30 a ton during the last 30 days. Had the "Thunders of Silence" reverberated throughout the length and breadth of the land, print paper would not have wasted in the recitals of strikes, crimes, robberies, holdups, railroad inactivities and the doings of the heads of the labor unions. Also it would have helped some to have been obliged to read of the absolute failure of the Republican administration in settling matters that a Roosevelt or a Cleveland would have nipped in the bud.

The Thunders of Silence would save the public reading of crime in all its harrowing details, for what have you added to your stock of knowledge worth while in reading of the great bedroom mystery of Texas or Vermont—and the axe being held for evidence. Surely the time will come when newspapers sent from the cities will be fit to enter the homes of America. Today more than seven eights are not.

Lewis, head of the coal miners is being featured all too much in the headlines of the metropolitan press. That man Jewell, of railroad fame is receiving too much publicity. We read just about all that happens in America each day of crime. The reporters are looking for sensational crime and all of its features. The great newspaper press associations vie with each other in getting the sordid side of each crime, to present it to the public in its worst possible light. The more horrible the recital thereof the better have they served the reading public.

The term "serving the public" in the newspapers, has many angles, but the public has been served in relating sordid crime painted up with the reporter's vivid, athletic imagination until they look for that sort of trash.

A liberal practice of the Thunders of Silence would be appreciated by every right thinking, right living man. The Thunder of Silence would have done more toward settling the coal strike than all the different conferences held.

The Thunders of Silence would have done more to create public sentiment in regard to these two great strikes than all the useless conferences, statements, administration requests and orders that have been promulgated since the two strikes commenced. A strike to be successful must receive public sanction. A daily recital of striker's deeds and misdeeds do not help.

It is to be regretted, however, that the great daily papers will tell you that these same recitals of the orgies of crime with all the sordid details is what sells their papers. From this one gathers the impression there are far too many who gloat over this, and that standards of the reading public have been lowered.

This is evident proof of the march of time—what it is accomplishing in the deteriorating of the wants, likes and dislikes of the American reading public.

Back to normalcy—in the economic world is said to be impossible—in the theory and practice of right living and right thinking; a trait most earnestly sought after by right thinking and right living men and women, back to normalcy can be helped wonderfully by The Thunders of Silence.

The County Unit Bill, the most important piece of educational legislation passed by the 51st General Assembly of Missouri, will be voted on as a referendum measure at the general election November 7, 1922. The County Unit Bill has nothing to do with politics but deals altogether with rural education. The champions of the bill do not claim that it is perfect, but declare it is a great step forward and will mark a new era for Missouri's rural schools, making it possible for every eighth grade graduate in Missouri to obtain a first-class high school education without leaving home. The County Unit Bill exempts all districts now maintaining a first class high school. It leaves the local districts as they now exist, but create a county school district in every county, composed of all the local districts. It establishes a county board of education of six members elected by the qualified voters of the county district. The principal powers of the county board will be: To appoint a county superintendent and fix his salary; to contract with teachers after local board has selected them from the list of eligibles furnished by county board; to

change boundary lines of local districts when deemed advisable; to establish, govern and maintain such high schools as may be necessary to give high school privileges to all eighth grade graduates of the county, or to pay tuition costs of any eighth grade graduates in any high school not included in the county district when such seems advisable; to levy annual school tax not to exceed 40 cents on the 100 dollars valuation or to submit to the voters any additional levy up to the maximum of 65 cents; to borrow money and to issue bonds (when such is authorized by a two-thirds vote of the people), for school sites, school houses and repairing same; to make rules for classification and government of all pupils, to select text books and furnish them free if advisable; to hold title to all the school property in the county district. The local board will have power to prepare an estimate showing all necessary expense, to select its teacher from list of county eligibles and arrange for janitor and other necessary employees. The largest benefit accruing from the County Unit Bill will be the establishment of rural high schools and the more economical functioning of the common schools.

FROM THE SUMNER STAR

Mrs. Elta Tobey and her elder son arrived from Kansas City the first of the week.

Wm. Courtney got in Saturday from California, where he had been spending the summer.

Rev. R. M. Siegel and family departed this morning for Princeton, Mo., near which city the parson will teach school on week days and preach the gospel in Sundays.

Jerrold Stobaugh and Walter Dennis got in Wednesday from their month's stay at the Citizens Training Camp, Jefferson Barracks.

Paul Loudon, Doris Taylor, Frank Wanamaker, Walter Hardy and Curry Hopper departed the first of the week for their work in the State University at Columbia.

John Dulanty returned Thursday from the Wabash hospital at Moberly where he was operated on for appendicitis two weeks ago. He is back on full feed and feeling fine.

Mrs. Wm. Pacto of Brookfield is visiting her parents here. She had the misfortune one day last week to sustain severe burns on her hand when a can of tomatoes she was putting up, burst.

Mrs. H. C. Little received word Wednesday that her daughter, Mrs. Orren Whetzel, had undergone a surgical operation that morning in a hospital in Denver, Colo. Mrs. Little did not know the nature of the operation.

Willard Cowen was taken to Kansas City over the Santa Fe from Mendon, Sunday, and that night operated upon in the University hospital for an acute attack of appendicitis. At last account his condition was serious. Willard has had two previous attacks.

Rumor was current in Sumner the first of the week that William Miles, commonly known here as "the 49er," has been found dead in a box car in Moberly. No one seems to be able to tell the origin of the report, except that they heard it. "Let us hope that "Forty" will, like Mark Twain, be able to claim that the report of his demise has been greatly exaggerated.

The big barn on the A. E. Severance farm, northwest of town, was destroyed by fire which originated probably from lightning about 11 o'clock on Tuesday night of this week. The building contained a lot of grain and some farm tools, and Mrs. Severance believes a number of her chickens were in the barn. The fire was not discovered in time to save anything from the conflagration.

MARCELINE MINES MAY CLOSE—LOSE CONTRACT

A report that the Santa Fe railway will not renew its contract for home mined coal was circulated Tuesday. Inquiry at the office of the coal company failed to bring a denial of this rumor. Mr. Hemmings, the superintendent, looked worried, and there was an atmosphere of gloom noticeable throughout the office, which the drizzling rain outside did not tend to improve.

"I regret to say," said Mr. Hemmings, "that we have no good news for you this morning. The contract to furnish coal to the Santa Fe railway, which expired last April, has not been renewed. We have encountered objections to its renewal. The railway claims to be able to buy coal cheaper elsewhere."

"What about the statement that the coal is not cleaned according to contract?" he was asked.

This was a phase of the situation, that Mr. Hemmings was reluctant to discuss.

"That, of course," he said, "is a serious element of expense to us. For instance, during the last month we operated last spring, there was a shrinkage of three per cent due to this cause alone."

"We have no coal orders, today," he added reflectively.

"But the mine is running?" he was asked.

"Yes."

Mr. Hemmings added that efforts were being made to place the coal on the market in Kansas City, but so far without success. He could not predict what the outcome would be.

"What will this condition lead to?"

"A shut down, I am afraid," was the reply.

The Journal-Mirror looks with regret and alarm upon this condition. The mines of Marcelline are the second biggest asset of the town. A wage distribution of 45,000 per month means much to the community. How can we afford to lose it?

In this emergency the people of Marcelline, merchants, miners, citizens and all should pull together. Something must be done to stave off this menace.

With winter knocking at the door the anomaly of a closed mine is inconceivable.

But there is danger of it—Marcelline Journal-Mirror.

MARCELINE WON FROM BROWNING, 10 TO 3

Marcelline had to replace two men early in the game with Browning, Sunday, after a head-on collision in the outfield. A Browning batsman sent a fly midway between left and center field and fascinated by the little black speck which hovered over the diamond, Lee Howe, who was playing left, and Emil Sechter, center, each intent upon saving it from contact with the earth, collided with terrific force. Sechter was running backwards, and the back of his head hit Howe on the point of the jaw. Both men were severely injured.

Howe was taken from the diamond with his lower jaw bone fractured on each side. Sechter finished the inning and then took a seat in a car, where he lapsed into stupor from which he was not aroused until 6:30, when he inquired how the game stood. He said that he had no remembrance of playing ball after the collision. He was suffering from shock.

Howe is being treated by Dr. Neiderwimmer the dentist, and will be out of the game the remainder of the season.—Marcelline Journal - Mirror.

GOES TO WILLIAM JEWELL

Elvett Hier leaves Friday for Liberty, Mo., where he will take a spec course at William Jewell college, preparatory to his entrance at the United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland. Mr. Hier was appointed through the good offices of Hqn. W. W. Rucker, member of Congress from this district. He is a young man of studious habits, and there is no doubt of his success in winning advancement. He will go to Annapolis in February.—Marcelline Journal - Mirror.

Miss Dixie Green, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse M. Green of near Salisbury, enrolled Monday in the Chilli-cothe Business College for a stenographic course.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

SHERIFF'S SALE IN PARTITION

State of Missouri, County of Chariton,

—ss.

Fannie A. Rucker, Mattie J. Applegate, Lila B. Applegate, Wallace Applegate, G. H. Applegate and Louise Applegate,

Defendants.

VS.

Mary Applegate,

Defendant.

By virtue and authority of an order and decree of the Circuit Court of Chariton county, Missouri, to me the undersigned Sheriff of said county and state, certified and entered at the February term A. D. 1922, in the above entitled cause, now in pursuance of said order and decree I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash in hand at the front door of the court house in the city of Salisbury, Missouri, on Wednesday, the 27th day of September, A. D. 1922, between the hours of nine o'clock in the forenoon and five o'clock in the afternoon of that day, and during the September term of the Chariton county Circuit Court at Salisbury, the following described real estate, to-wit: Ten (10) acres of the west side

of the southwest quarter (¼) of the northwest quarter (¼) of section three (3);

Ten (10) acres of the west side of the northwest quarter (¼) of the southwest quarter (¼) of section three (3);

Eighty (80) acres, the south half (½) of the southwest quarter (¼) of section three (3);

Forty (40) acres, the southwest quarter (¼) of the southeast quarter (¼) of section three (3);

Twenty (20) acres, the south half (½) of the southeast quarter (¼) of section three (3); and nine (9) acres off the southwest part of the northeast quarter (¼) of section four (4) lying south of the state road;

Forty (40) acres, the southeast quarter (¼) of the northeast quarter (¼) of section four (4);

Twenty (20) acres, the north half (½) of the northeast quarter (¼) of the southeast quarter (¼) of section four (4); and one and one-half (1½) acres in the southeast corner of the southwest quarter (¼) of the southeast quarter (¼) of section four (4);

All that part of the Northwest quarter (¼) of the northeast quarter (¼) of section nine (9) lying north of the Wabash Railway Company's right-of-way excepting one acre located north of the Keytesville depot heretofore sold to W. E. Hill; and one acre in the south and southeast part of said quarter section heretofore sold to one Gordon;

All of the north half of section ten (10), and all that part of the southeast quarter (¼) of section ten (10) lying north of the Wabash Railway Company's right-of-way;

All said lands lying and being in Township fifty-three (53), Range eighteen (18), Chariton county, Missouri, and containing in all seven hundred and twenty acres (720) more or less.

The above described property will be sold subject to a deed of trust for \$12,000.00 bearing six per cent interest from November 1, 1921, and due the 1st day of November, 1922.

A. S. WILKS,

Sheriff Chariton County, Missouri.

August 25, Sept. 1, 8, 15, 1922.

TRUSTEE'S SALE BY SHERIFF

Whereas, Eliza Holiday and Peter Holiday, her husband, by their certain deed of trust dated December 9, 1896, and recorded in Book 12, page 281 in the Recorder's office of Chariton County, Missouri, conveyed to G. B. Hurt, as trustee to secure the payment of a certain note therein described, the following described real estate being and situate in Chariton county, Missouri, to-wit:

The west half of the following tract of land: Begin at quarter section corner between Sections 35 and 36, township 53, range 18; thence west 26 chains to Keytesville and Glasgow road; thence along the center road north 18½deg. east 1.49 chains, north 9½deg. east 16 chains, north 25½deg. east 3 chains; thence east (Var. 6deg. 9 min.) .53 chains to center of ravine; thence down said ravine (Var. 6deg. 40 min.) south 42deg. east 1.69 chains, south 47½deg. east 1.51 chains, south 32deg. east 7.46 chains, south 81deg. east 1.02 chains, south 83deg. east 1.14 chains; south 63deg. east 1.01 chains, south 7deg. east .67 chains, south 43deg. east 1.51 chains, south 48deg. east 1.61 chains, south 61deg. east .99 chains to line between sections 36 and 35; thence south 11.95 chains to beginning, containing 48.65 acres, more or less; also 7.42 acres, more or less, off the southwest corner of the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter of section 36, township 53, range 18, bounded as follows: Begin at quarter section corner on the west of section 36; thence east 11.24 chains to center of ravine; thence up middle of said ravine until it intersects the section line in middle of said ravine; thence south on said section line to beginning, containing altogether 51.02 acres, more or less.

Whereas, the said trustee is a non-resident of the State of Missouri, and not qualified to act, and

Whereas, it is provided in said trust deed that in such event the Sheriff of Chariton County, Missouri, should exercise the duties of trustee under said deed, and

Whereas, the said note is now past due, Now, therefore, by virtue of authority by said deed of trust vested in me and at the request of the legal holder of said note, I will on Saturday, the 16th day of September, 1922, between the hours of nine o'clock a. m. and five o'clock p. m. of that day, at the front door of the courthouse, in the City of Keytesville, proceed to sell the above described real estate, at public auction, for cash, to satisfy said note and pay the costs of executing this trust.

A. S. WILKS,

Sheriff of Chariton County, Missouri.

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TRUSTEE'S SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the debt secured by a deed of trust executed by James E. Colson and Susie R. Colson, his wife, the same being dated September 10, 1917, and recorded in the office of the Recorder of Deeds for Chariton county, Missouri, in deeds of trust record book 47, at page 339, wherein they conveyed to the undersigned trustee the northwest quarter of Section twenty-four (24), Township fifty-five (55), Range nineteen (19), Chariton county, Missouri, and I will on Saturday, September 20, 1922, between the hours of 9 o'clock in the forenoon and five o'clock in the afternoon of that day, at the east front door of the Court House, in the City of Keytesville, Chariton County, Missouri, and at the request of the holder of said debt, offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash in hand, the above land, or so much thereof as will pay said debt, and the cost of executing said trust.

W. W. WHITE,

Trustee.

Sept. 8, 15, 22, 29, 1922.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE

The undersigned executors of the will of Christopher Noll, deceased, for the purpose of making distribution and final settlement are offering for sale all the real estate of deceased at private sale, consisting of:

Five or six hundred acres of highly developed and productive farming lands in Chariton county, Mo., in the Missouri river bottom, also a mercantile building in the city of Marcelline, Mo.

Detailed information as to prices and descriptions of the separate pieces of property will be cheerfully furnished to all interested parties by the undersigned.

HELENA M. NOLL,

HENRY C. NOLL,

Executors.

Glasgow, Missouri.

August 25, Sept. 1, 8, 15, 1922.

A. S. WILKS,
Sheriff of Chariton County, Missouri.

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TRUSTEE'S SALE BY SHERIFF

Whereas, Sarah Wilson, a widow, by her certain deed of trust dated September 6, 1896, recorded in Book 11, page 400, Recorder's office of Chariton county, Missouri, conveyed to G. B. Hurt, as trustee, to secure the payment of a certain note therein described, the following described real estate, being and situate in Chariton County, Missouri, to-wit:

Begin at the southwest corner of section 36, township 53, range 18; thence east 13 chains to point on township line; thence north 37.82 chains to the middle of Porter's branch; thence up Porter's and Young's branch to a point where the section line crosses the branch; thence south on section line 26.42 chains to place of beginning, saving and excepting from this conveyance 35.86 acres to be taken off the south side and end of the above described tract of land the tract hereby conveyed containing 5.61 acres, more or less, and also the following tract lying and being in the northwest corner of the southwest quarter of section 36, township 53, range 18, bounded as follows: Begin at the quarter section corner on the west of the section; thence south on section line to middle of Young's Creek 13 chains; thence north 49½deg. east 16.50 chains, down Young's branch to the junction of Young's and Porter's branch; thence north 29deg. west 2.40 chains to a point in Porter's branch where the east and NORTH line through the center of the section intersects said branch; thence NORTH 11.32 chains to beginning, lands herein described containing 9 acres, more or less.

Whereas, the said trustee is a non-resident of the State of Missouri, and not qualified to act, and

Whereas, it is provided in said trust deed that in such event the Sheriff of Chariton County, Missouri, should exercise the duties of trustee under said deed, and

Whereas, the said note is now past due, Now, therefore, by virtue of authority by said deed of trust vested in me and at the request of the legal holder of said note, I will on Saturday, the 16th day of September, 1922, between the hours of nine o'clock a. m. and five o'clock p. m. of that day, at the front door of the courthouse, in the City of Keytesville, proceed to sell the above described real estate, at public auction, for cash, to satisfy said note and pay the costs of executing this trust.

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